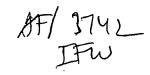


# O4-18-05 EV 317349796 US



## **PATENT**

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on April 15, 2005, with sufficient postage as first class mail (including Express Mail per MPEP § 512), and addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Kelly K. Burris, Registration No. 46,361

Application No.:

10/652,755

Filing Date:

08/29/2003

Applicants:

David A. Tathan

**Group Art Unit:** 

3742

Examiner:

Mark H. Paschall

Title:

GAS FLOW PRE-CHARGE FOR A PLASMA ARC

**TORCH** 

Attorney Docket:

9858-000359

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

#### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2005, please amend the

application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.